

INTRODUCTION

The Sedibeng District Municipality since the release of the State of Local Government Report and the subsequent development of Local Government Turnaround Strategy has identified key programmes that are necessary to turn Sedibeng District and constituent local municipalities around for efficient and effective service delivery.

Since the inception and adoption of the Local Government Turnaround Strategy, municipalities identified those programmes but most of them did not have budgets to execute and or were not seen as programmes belonging to their budgets but were treated more of unfunded mandate and hence they were not implemented despite being on the municipal Integrated Development Plan.

That confusion about the funding of turnaround strategy programme resulted in a general lull on this programme and that loss of momentum have relegated these programme to be less priority of municipalities. The programme has picked up the momentum and the Department of Cooperative Governance is back on track again and reporting has also picked up recently.

A distinction is made about other programmes that municipalities consider them as internal functions whose business model is not viable and those programmes which in essence, require external and or other spheres especially those functions that are executed or performed on behalf of other spheres of government such as Disaster Management, Primary Health Care, and Emergency Medical Services.

The period under review has seen some of those programmes elevated into the flagship projects of the Second generation Sedibeng Growth and Development Strategy and translated into clear multiyear measurable deliverable in the Integrated Development Plan. In the year under review, progress was made in as far as the underfunded or unfunded mandate programmes are concerned.

The internal turnaround programmes which requires new business model are in the area of revenue management, credit control, water and electricity loss curbing and municipalities are at different level of implementation and success in dealing with them. Progress is made in other programmes that require the intervention and support from other spheres especially the Provincial Government.

Priority turn around focal area		Municipal action	Indicators	Unblocking action needed from other Spheres and Agencies	Progress	Responsible Person
1.	Provision of sustainable and efficient Primary Health Care (PHC) services in the district	Secured commitment from Gauteng Department of HEALTH to refund Sedibeng District for the outstanding payments of subsidized cost of managing this	Function taken over by the Provincial Department of HEALTH	Provincialisation process to be fast tracked and concluded	SALGA and the Provincial Department of Health are finalizing modalities and transfer	ED: Health and Social Services

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2.	Provision of a fully fledged sustainable Disaster Management Centre	Applied for Funding support to host and manage District Disaster Management Centre	Application for funding approved by the Department of Local Government and Housing	Department of Local Government and Housing fund the Disaster Management Centre by the next financial year 2013/14	No progress achieved- Need to ensure that proper funding application is submitted to be consider in the 2013/14 budget	ED: Health and Social Services
3.	Provision of sustainable Municipal Health Services (Environmental Health Services)	Escalate a discussion at the PCF to secure funding either at provincial or national Department	Formal recommendatio n or Decision of the Premier’s Coordinating Forum on the funding of the Municipal Health Services is obtained	National and or provincial Treasury transfer an allocation to municipalities in as part of the DORA equitable share allocation or a Grant for the 2013/2014 Financial Year	No progress	ED: TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTRE and ENVIRONMENT
4.	Provision of sustainable Air Quality Management.	Submit a funding request to Province and National relevant Departments	Approval of the Grant from Treasury	National Treasury to allocate the funding previously directed to Dept. of Environmental Affairs for this purpose.	The Air Quality Act has transferred the Atmospheric Emissions Licensing function to the SDM from 1st April 2010. The funding criteria for this function are through the licensing fees that still need to be finalized and approved by DEA. The SDM is required to first develop capacity to perform the function. To date, the SDM has employed the AQ Manager and the AQ Coordinator, as well as undertaken a study to assess the capacity and resource requirements to render the AQ Function.	ED: TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE and ENVIRONMENT
5.	Corporatization of the Fresh Produce Market in order to	Implement old Council resolution on the turnaround strategy for the	Implementation of historical or new Council Resolution.	Facilitate establishment of the Sedibeng Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Due diligence finalized- Prospectuses for the transaction sale are	ED: CORPORATE SERVICES

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	maximize efficiencies and effectiveness	Vereeniging Fresh Produce Market or develop new recommendation for approval by Council		Development Agency or outsource operation of the business	being developed. - Evaluation of the business and property	
6.	Corporatization of the Airport in order to maximize efficiencies	Obtain revised Council approval on the process to be undertaken	Council approved strategy and business plan for the Vereeniging Airport	Facilitate IDC support to create agency to run the Airport or integrated into the Sedibeng Economic Development Agency	No progress	ED: CORPORATE SERVICES
7.	Corporatization of the Taxi Ranks	Implement the Council resolution on the process to be undertaken or even integrate into BRT proposal for Sedibeng	Council approved strategy, feasibility and business plan for the Integrated Public Transport System (BRT)	Apply for funding at National Department of TRANSPORT to undertake feasibilities for BRT system	No progress	ED: CORPORATE SERVICES
8.	Regional Sewer Scheme	Project Management Office established - Buy in by Provincial, national and Rand Water on the Project. - Phase 3 of the project	Approval of the EIA or ROD obtained. Securing of funding for the short term solutions relating to capacity of the system	Funding commitments from DLG & H, COGTA, DWAE, Rand Water and any other Funding Agencies. DLG&H should facilitate the engagement of neighboring municipalities' i.t.o Capex and Opex contributions.	The Coordinating Structures are functioning: Political, Technical, and Project Steering Committees. DWA has allocated an amount of R120m as a contribution to the project funding. SDM has allocated an amount of R2.4m as a contribution to the project funding. SDM has established SRSS Project Unit headed by a Director as a contribution to the project management requirements. ELM has appointed Aerocon as the design consultant for the SRSS.	ED: TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE and ENVIRONMENT